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SUBJECT: CREATION OF ALBANIAN "PARTY OF THE NATIONAL FRONT" UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ALI KLISSURA

Ali KLISSURA in which he informed negotiations with Ismail VERLACI and Xhafer DEVA to form a "Party of the National Front" for the liberation of Albania and to establish a democratic regime there. A copy of the letter is attached as an annex hereto.

3. King ZOG is apparently attempting to insist that the Greek Government make a formal statement guaranteeing the territorial integrity of Albania. he mere fact that the Greek Government had reiterated its determination to pursue its territorial claims against Albania "by peaceful means", which he added "do not exist", was as far as the Government could go in light of domestic Greek revendication sentiment. He also implied that Zog was hardly in a position to demand such a guarantee.

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4. A newspaper article is shortly to be published in the Athens newspaper Kathimerini which would assert not a claim for the whole of Northern Epirus, but rather a relatively minor rectification of the Albanian border which would correct the strategic disadvantage presently existing for the defense of Greece. If the military disadvantages deriving from the present frontier (as a result of which Albania provided an easy springboard for the invasion of Greece) were eliminated, this would dispose of 50 per cent of the Albanian problem so far as Greece is concerned.

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[redacted] is keenly eager to obtain some indication of our appraisal of the general situation as it exists among the various Albanian emigre organisations and particularly with regard to the recent activities

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communicated the following:

The section of which he is the leader of the party BALLI KOMBETAR, the party of the Independents under VERLACI and the party of the KOSSOVARS of XHAFER DEVA, having had a conference which was preceded by long negotiations, decided to form a party to be called "Party of the National Front", the main purpose of which will be the endeavor to liberate Albania and the establishment therein of a democratic regime.

Mr. KLISSURA explained that an administrative committee of the "Party" will be formed in which two representatives of each of the three cooperating parties shall participate. No president shall be elected, but only a Secretary General. He will communicate to us the protocol of cooperation of the three cooperating parties as soon as it will have taken its final form.

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